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Mr. T.L. Wilson
Manager of Mines
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Re: Far West Mine
ACT/037/019

Dear Mr. Wilson:

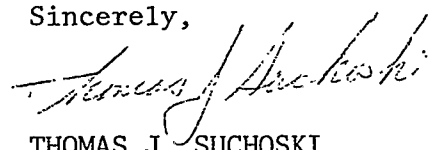
After reviewing the Mining and Reclamation plan for the Far West Mine, the Division staff would like to request additional information to complete the plan, so that the approval process can be completed. -

The Reclamation plan states that reclamation test plots will be used and that soil analysis will be done. The Division would like to request the results of the soil analysis, and also check on the status of the revegetation test plots. These plots can be very useful in aiding the mining company to revegetate the mine site. If you could describe the various treatments used in the plots we would appreciate it.

The Mined Land Reclamation Act, Rule M-3(5), allows the Division to keep only information pertaining "to the location, size, or nature of the deposit" confidential. The Mining and Reclamation plan submitted for the Far West Mine asked to keep all maps confidential; this can not be done. The only map we have kept confidential is the underground working map, No. M-3. I hope this is acceptable to you.

If you have any questions please contact me and I would be glad to help you.

Sincerely,


THOMAS J. SUCHOSKI
RECLAMATION HYDROLOGIST

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